Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes January 4, 2016

In attendance were:

Andrew Bengtson

Mike Cayer
David Levy
Leslie Mayer
JoAnn Robinson
Clarissa Rowe
Charles Tirone
Eric Helmuth*
Richard Murray*

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for December 14th, 2015 were approved unanimously.

Status of Community Preservation Act Budget

The Committee will have to figure out how to get a monthly accounting from the Treasurer's Office or Comptroller about the funds in the CPA. Clarissa Rowe and Eve Margolis will follow up on the proper procedure.

Administration Expenses for the CPC Committee

The chair has explained the situation to the Town Manager about the bill from the IT Department and how it is impossible to access the CPC funds to pay the bill. He understood that the Committee has no funds to pay for the expense.

Community Preservation Plan

The Subcommittee of Leslie Mayer, JoAnn Robinson and David Levy are working on their draft parts of the plan. They agreed to circulation the draft plan to the rest of the Committee by January 15th at the latest for comment. Comments on the Draft Plan will be received by Leslie Mayer by Monday, January 18th so that she can have a draft Plan ready for the January 20th Public Meeting. The draft plan will be available for the public at that meeting.

• Community Preservation Projects Application

Chuck Tirone and Michael Cayer presented their draft of the application which was accepted unanimously by the committee. There was a lengthy discussion of the wordings of the application, changes made to the draft and a consensus that the hard work of the Committee on this item was appreciated.

^{*}Denotes those not in attendance

Press Release for the Public Meeting on January 20th

Andrew Bengtson presented the press release draft which was unanimously accepted by the committee after some minor changes were made. Clarissa Rowe will send it to Joan Roman for distribution in the first week of January.

January 20th Pubic Presentation

Andrew Bengtson presented a first pass at the presentation for the 20th that combined the Coalition's Stuart Saginor PowerPoint slides with some of the first steps that the Arlington Committee has made. It was decided that Clarissa, Andrew and Eric, when he is back in town, will meet to organize the presentation. The Communications Subcommittee will be in touch with the CPC about their speaking roles for the 20th. Mike Cayer mentioned that he is flying back to Boston that night so we should keep his role minimal so Chuck Tirone will present the application to the public.

Warrant Articles for Town Meeting

Clarissa has submitted a place holder warrant article to the Town Counsel and the Selectmen's Office but the committee decided that there should be three warrant articles: the one submitted with the money amounts specified, and two more: one article should list the recommended projects, and the other one should be a warrant article asking Town Meeting to adopt the Community Preservation Plan. Clarissa will continue to work on these articles and will use Lexington's warrant articles as an example.

Additional Meetings for the CPC

Four additional meetings were scheduled: March 14 for the presentations by applicants, March 28th for deliberations, April 11th for deliberations, and April 25th for any necessary last minute votes before the start of Town Meetings. All meetings will be at 7:00. All meetings will occur in our usual meeting room. (It turns out that the Selectmen's Hearing Room is not available for the March 14th presentations. If there are many applicants, we will seek a larger meeting room.)